

MINUTES OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE ON
DRUG ABUSE AND ALCOHOLISM
November 17, 2011

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

The scheduled meeting of the Cranbury Township Municipal Alliance Committee was held on November 17, 2011, in the Library meeting room, 23 North Main Street, in Cranbury Township at 8:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was present at the meeting, Chairperson Jane Holland called the session to order and Kathleen Argiriou acted as Secretary of the meeting.

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, adequate notice in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6) was provided on December 2, 2010, of this meeting's date, time and place, and the agenda was posted on the Township bulletin board, mailed to those requesting personal notice, and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Daniel Black, Cyndy Coppotelli, Jane Holland, Melanie Johnson, Fay Kopland, Mia Lindberg, Susan Genco, Cheryl McCormick, Ricky Varga, Renee Welch.

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE IN ATTENDANCE

Kevin Coyle and Maya Sarafin.

MINUTES

The minutes of the June 8, 2011, September 8, 2011 and October 6, 2011 meetings were approved.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

The student council meeting on November 16th was cancelled; therefore, the student reps did not have anything to report.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Varga will work with Jane Holland to obtain statistics necessary to prepare our reporting to GCADA. Statistics include 14-18 year olds as well as adults for issues that result from drugs and alcohol (e.g. DWI, individuals held for drugs or drinking).

BUDGET

Our grant funds will be used as follows: Drug Free Fair balance will be used to put a deposit on the 2012 Drug Free Fair T-shirts; Jamfest - payment will be made to the moving company; After School Programs will be used for a yoga class for middle school students; Community Education and Awareness and Drug Education Programs will be used possible for anti-bully signs or an ice skating party for 8th graders with John Witherspoon School.

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A \$1,000 payment was made to the PHS after prom party. The balance in the boys and girls chat groups will be paid at the end of the year. From the Local Teen Board account we will look into hanging "Bully Free Zone" signs in store windows (e.g., Cranbury Pizza, Teddy's) and make sturdy signs for the parks. We will also look into the cost of preparing a mailing to families of high schoolers about the risks of drugs and alcohol.

OLD BUSINESS

Red Ribbon Week - The tattoos and paper chain were enjoyed by the students. The chain will be hung in the hallway by the cafeteria so that all the students see it often.

4th/5th Grade Bingo Night - There were 82 students who attended Bingo Night. This was well over the 53 students from the prior year. Next year we should ask more adults to chaperone. The drug/alcohol bingo game was not understood well by the students. When we switched to traditional bingo adding in drug/alcohol questions the students really enjoyed that. Officer Morley attended and asked some of the questions the students really enjoyed him.

Quiet Riot Assembly - This assembly for the middle school students was very well received. The students were receptive to the message that by-standers outnumber bullies and the bystanders can do something to stop a bully. The presenters complemented our students that they were very polite and well behaved

Drug Free Fair - We should put out the jars for donations in Cranbury Pizza, Teddy's, Jack's Candy, and Bagel Barn.

NEW BUSINESS

By-Laws - GCADA requires all Municipal Alliances to have By-Laws with certain wording. The township attorney is drafting the by-laws and we will approve them at a meeting.

DISCUSSION

We have a Facebook page that has not been updated in quite a while. We should update the page and put current information on it.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was thereupon adjourned at 9:10am.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify, that I am the duly appointed Secretary of the Cranbury Township Municipal Alliance Committee on Drug Abuse and Alcoholism and that this document, consisting of 2 pages, constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting held on November 17, 2011.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 7th day of December, 2011.

Kathleen Argiriou, Secretary

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